

Water Quality Advisory Group Meeting Summary- October 17, 2011-DRAFT

Member and affiliation	Present		Others in attendance and affiliation
	Yes	No	
Rafik Bazikian, business		✓	Ken Yetman MD DNR
Trudi Bick, public-at-large	✓		Katherine Nelson M-NCPPC
Beth Forbes, public-at-large	✓		
Erica Goldman, scientific/academic	✓		
Carol Henry, scientific/academic	✓		
Paul Hlavinka, public-at-large	✓		
Daphne Pee, public-at-large	✓		
Fred Samadani, agricultural	✓		
Danila Sheveiko, business	✓		
Mike Smith, environmental	✓		
Tanya Spano, environmental	✓		
Edgard Tellez-Morales, public-at-large	✓		
Patrick Walsh, environmental	✓		
Vacant			
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Martin Chandler, WSSC		✓	
Pam Parker, DEP	✓		
Mark Symborski MNCPPC		✓	
Agenda Item	Major Points		
7:00p.m. -7:45 p.m. Anacostia Reforestation Efforts (Ken Yetman, MD DNR)	<p>Ken described a cost share grant award from the National Fish and Wildlife Service (NFWS) to update urban tree canopy assessments, establish trends, and coordinate a multi-jurisdictional canopy management plan for the DC Metro area. The grant will be administered by MWCOG-Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership, and will include the Maryland portion of the Anacostia, the District of Columbia, the City of Alexandria, and Arlington County. The project kick-off meeting will take place the week of 10/24/11. The University of Vermont, under contract, will analyze high resolution aerial data for the next 24 months to assess tree canopy, invasives, and opportunities for reforestation and tree planting in the target areas. Ken described constraints that have limited SHA replanting in the Anacostia. SHA is limited to replanting on public land other than M-NCPPC land, and is having difficulty identifying adequate planting sites inside the Anacostia Watershed. M-NCPPC will not accept the easements SHA requires to plant on M-NCPPC land. The SHA will meet the reforestation requirements resulting from construction of the ICC, but must plant outside of the Anacostia watershed. The NFWS grant will identify small areas to improve urban tree canopy in the Anacostia. Ken described the need for a workgroup to evaluate creating urban tree canopy in lieu of reforestation. Ken provided mapping data of the Anacostia. Pam will put on the County's ftp site for members to download if desired. Ken also mentioned that, in addition to required mitigation projects, SHA has constructed Stewardship projects including bike and hiking trails, stream restoration, and wetland creation and enhancement. Co-Chair Henry asked Mike Smith to be the point person to develop recommendations related to Anacostia reforestation and urban tree canopy planting.</p>		

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<p>7:45 p.m.- 8:50 p.m. Forest issues and increasing cover in the county (Katherine Nelson, M-NCPPC)</p>	<p>Katherine Nelson presented the results of the tree canopy analysis developed for M-NCPPC by the University of Vermont. Trend analysis shows more continuous, but less, forest in the County since 1951. Canopy analysis in the Anacostia showed 53% canopy, 21% field and lawn, 8% base soil and 17% impervious. Katherine stressed the importance and benefits of well placed trees to cover urban, impervious areas. She presented several examples of highly impervious commercial areas with varying degrees of canopy cover, showing how careful planning and planting can achieve more canopy cover. She identified a few areas adjacent to SHA roads that presented planting opportunities. She also stated that numerous replanting opportunities are present on Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) properties outside of recreational areas. Katherine also made members aware that under the Urban Road Code, M-NCPPC has funding available for planting on private properties in certain areas in the County, including Glenmont, Wheaton, Montgomery Hills, Flower Hill.</p> <p>The following WQAG members agreed to work on a letter regarding reforestation and urban tree planting in the Anacostia: Carol Henry, Mike Smith, Fred Samadani, Patrick Walsh, Paul Hlavinka and Daphne Pee.</p>
<p>8:50 TMDL Sub-committee updates/plans (Erica)</p>	<p>Erica asked Ken to stay for an update on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. The Phase I and II WIP allocations are out, although Phase II allocations are not further broken down into individual municipalities. The TMDL held a subcommittee call to discuss ideas. Martin Chandler developed a sector by sector comparison of N and P allocations. There are no sediment allocations. Erica stated that modeling data will not be used qualitatively, as it breaks down at a more local scale.</p> <p>Ken stated that Montgomery County is lacking septic data, although the County is responsible for the septic WLAs. Most of the revenues generated from the “flush tax”, including revenue obtained from Montgomery County residents, go to projects in the Critical Area.</p>
<p>9:00 p.m. Approve Sept minutes and Oct Agenda</p>	<p>The September minutes and the October agenda were approved, The Co-Chairs are trying to organize a joint meeting with the Forest Conservation Advisory Committee to hear speaker Don Outen of Baltimore County, and will advise members via email.</p>
<p>9:04 Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.</p>

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Table A. Future Meetings- Speakers and Topics

Speaker/Affiliation	Subject	WQAG Coordinator	Date
Erica G.	Corsica River Project	Erica	TBD
	Project 263	Erica	TBD
Tanya S.	DC's Green Area Ratio	Tanya	TBD
Mark S.	Zoning Code Re-write	Mark S.	TBD
Betsy Weinkam, Coastal Resources	ICC environmental mitigation and stewardship projects		TBD
Mark S.	Update on First Baptist Church of Wheaton in Olney, and impervious area increases due to sewer extensions outside current sewer envelope		TBD
Tanya S.	Climate change and adaptation discussion, impacts on stormwater	Tanya	TBD
Don Outen, Baltimore County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability	Baltimore County Tree Planting program	Mark S.	November

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AGENDA

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- 8:30 Approve Sept minutes and Oct Agenda
- 8:40 TMDL Sub-committee updates/plans (Erica)
- 9:00 Adjourn